



## Surrey's Police and Crime Commissioner re-elected

The result of the 2nd May 2024 election for Surrey's Police and Crime Commissioner was announced Friday and the Conservative Candidate, **Lisa Townsend**, was re-elected despite a substantial drop in turnout.

The re-elected Commissioner vowed to continue supporting a "back to basics" approach to policing in Surrey. She received 95,538 votes in Thursday's PCC election. **Paul Kennedy** for the Liberal Democrats closed the gap significantly. Trailing by 12% points in 2021 he narrowed Lisa Townsend's lead to 5% points this time round.

**Epsom and Ewell's** own candidates fared honourably with **Kate Chinn** for Labour narrowly ahead of independent **Alex Coley** with 42,813 and 42,052 votes respectively. Ms Chinn is Borough Councillor for Court Ward and Mr Coley for Ruxley Ward.

The result was announced in Redhill Friday afternoon after votes from across the county were counted.

Ms Townsend, who has served as Commissioner for more than three years since winning in 2021, vowed to continue supporting Surrey Police's renewed focus on issues that matter most to residents, such as tackling anti-social behaviour, shoplifting, and targeting persistent offenders.

She said the Force now has more officers than ever before, and under the leadership of new Chief Constable Tim De Meyer, they are concentrating on combatting those crimes that matter most to the Surrey public.

Chief Constable **Tim De Meyer** said: "Surrey Police warmly congratulates Lisa Townsend on her re-election as Police and Crime Commissioner. We look forward to continuing to work with her on challenges such as tackling violence against women and girls, improving our response to calls from the public and bringing more offenders to justice."

Party	Candidate	Votes	%
Conservative	Lisa Townsend	95,538	36.4
Liberal Democrats	Paul Kennedy	82,213	31.3
Labour	Kate Chinn	42,813	16.3
Independent	Alex Coley	42,052	16.0
Turnout		265,682	29.9
Rejected ballots		3,066	
Total votes		262,616	

Turnout was 29.9 per cent, compared to 38.8 per cent in the last Police and Crime Commissioner election in 2021. The total number of verified ballot papers was 265,682 from a total electorate of 888,083.

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